



## Responsible Jewellery Council

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### RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THIRD CERTIFIED MEMBER

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that the French diamond wholesaler, RAYMOND BLOCH SA, is the first diamond supplier in the Council's membership to be certified against the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Certification System.

The successful verification assessment of RAYMOND BLOCH SA was conducted by STR, an RJC accredited auditing firm.

The RJC Member Certification System is unmatched in any other industry for the quality and breadth of its scope and standards as well as the integrity and transparency of its developmental process. The integrity of the RJC depends on Members being audited by accredited, independent third party auditors and becoming certified within the deadlines set by the RJC Member Certification System.

"The RJC is delighted to congratulate RAYMOND BLOCH SA on becoming its first certified diamond supplier. Many RJC Members have commenced the process towards Certification and we look forward to announcing their achievements in 2011 and beyond," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

A family owned business for one hundred years, RAYMOND BLOCH SA, is an important stakeholder in the world diamond wholesale marketplace. Well-known and respected for its high level skills and reputation for excellent service to its clients, this company has trusted, long term relationships with the world leading jewellery and watch brands as well as manufacturers.

"Being in the industry for four generations, our family has always been concerned with ethical, social and environmental improvements. It was immediately obvious to us that the RJC would not only carry our values but would also quickly become a new global standard throughout the entire supply chain," say Stephanie and Laurent Bloch, Chief Executive Officers, RAYMOND BLOCH SA.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together about 260 member companies committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products.

The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system – which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

## **RJC Certified Members**

Gay Frères	<a href="http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/downloads/certification/Certification_Gay_Freres.pdf">http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/downloads/certification/Certification_Gay_Freres.pdf</a>
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RAYMOND BLOCH SA	<a href="http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/documents/CertificationInformation-RAYMONDBLOCHSA.pdf">http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/documents/CertificationInformation-RAYMONDBLOCHSA.pdf</a>

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